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SUBJ: DEA EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM

REF: STATE 137272, TUNIS 3297 AND 1622

1. EMBASSY HAS CONVEYED INVITATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN DEA EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM TO TAHAR BEN REDJEB, DIRECTOR OF POLICE JUDICIAIRE, AS REQUESTED STATE 137272. HOWEVER, SEASON IS NOW SO FAR ADVANCED THAT HE NOT RPT NOT ABLE PARTICIPATE DURING SUMMER MONTHS AS ORIGINALLY HOPED. HE WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO ACCEPT INVITATION IN FALL. BEN REDJEB TOLD US JUNE 16 HE WILL BE TUNISIAN REPRESENTATIVE AT 44TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF INTERPOL AT BUENOS AIRES FROM OCTOBER 9 TO 15 AND HE ASKED WHETHER VISIT TO WASHINGTON COULD BE ARRANGED EITHER IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OR AFTER INTERPOL MEETINGS. HIS AIDE HAS SINCE TELEPHONED EMBASSY TO ASK WHETHER VISIT COULD BEGIN SEPTEMBER 15 OR WITHIN FEW DAYS THEREAFTER.

2. FOLLOWING ARE SPECIFIC TOPICS WHICH BEN REDJEB WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH USS OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON:

A. TRAINING OF PERSONNEL,
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B. TECHNIQUES OF INVESTIGATION, EXPECIALLY AT
PORTS OF ENTRY.

C. METHODS OF DETECTION OF VARIOUS DRUGS,

D. POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A DOG-SNIFFER
PROGRAM IN TUNISIA, AND

E. POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING LABORATORY EXCHANGE
PROGRAM BETWEEN US AND TUNISIAN NARCOTICS SERVICES.
EMBASSY WILL DETERMINE FURTHER AREAS OF DISCUSSION IF
TRIP CAN BE ARRANGED PER PARA ONE ABOVE.

3. IN GENERAL DISCUSSION BEN REDJEB EMPHASIZED IMPOR-
TANCE HE ATTACHES TO EDUCATING TUNISIAN INVESTIGATORS
TO COMBAT POSSIBLE NEW DRUG PROBLEM RESULTING FROM
REOPENING OF SUEZ CANAL. HE IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED
THAT TUNISIA MAY BECOME TRANSIT OR PROCESSING SITE
FOR FAR EASTERN NARCOTICS IN THEIR WAY TO U.S., NOW
THAT CANAL ROUTE IS OPEN TO SHIPPING AND FRENCH POLICE
ARE MORE EFFECTIVE IN THIS FIELD THAN BEFORE. HE SEES
NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN AREAS OF IDENTIFICATION OF FAR
EASTERN NARCOTICS AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH OTHER
NATIONAL SERVICES CONCERNED. HE EXPRESSED AS DESIRE TO
CONTINUE TUNISIAN PARTICIPATION IN NARCOTICS OFFICER
TRAINING PROGRAMS IN US AT RATE OF FIVE TO SIX TRAINEES
PER YEAR.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEA PLEASE ADVISE IF EXECUTIVE
OBSERVATION PROGRAM FOR BEN REDJEB CAN BE SCHEDULED
ALONG LINES OF PARA ONE. IF SO, WE WILL PROCEED WITH
FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS AND OBTAIN BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON BEN
REDJEB.
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